



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 625

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Substitute House Bill No. 5214

House of Representatives, April 15, 2009

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. SPALLONE of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING POSTING LEGAL NOTICES ON THE WEB SITE OF A MUNICIPALITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 Each provision of the general statutes, the special acts or the charter
4 of any town, city or borough which requires the insertion of an
5 advertisement of a legal notice in a daily newspaper shall be construed
6 to permit such advertisement to be inserted in a daily or weekly
7 newspaper; but this section shall not be construed to reduce or
8 otherwise affect the time required by law for giving such notice. For
9 any requirement for the insertion of an advertisement of a legal notice
10 by a town, city or borough, the legal notice may be posted in a
11 conspicuous place on the town's, city's or borough's web site in lieu of
12 insertion of such advertisement in a daily or weekly newspaper.
13 Whenever notice of any action or other proceeding is required to be

14 given by publication in a newspaper, either by statute or order of
15 court, the newspaper selected for that purpose, unless otherwise
16 expressly prescribed, shall be one having a substantial circulation in
17 the town in which at least one of the parties, for whose benefit such
18 notice is given, resides.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	1-2
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GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Various Municipalities	Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill allows municipalities the choice to either post legal notices on their web site or in the newspaper. This will result in a cost savings to those municipalities who utilize the web, thus reducing their advertising expenses.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5214*****AN ACT CONCERNING POSTING LEGAL NOTICES ON THE WEB
SITE OF A MUNICIPALITY.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill gives municipalities the option to post legal notices on their website instead of advertising them in a daily or weekly newspaper. It retains their authority to advertise in a newspaper. Under the bill, any legal notice a municipality posts on its website must be in a conspicuous place.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 2 (03/27/2009)